exchange of enclaves. Two meetings of the Joint Boundary Working Groups have been held in July 2001 and March 2002. During the 2nd meeting of the Joint Boundary working Group in March 2002 in New Delhi, we had offered a composite package to Bangladesh for the settlement of the pending boundary demarcation. The response of the Bangladesh Government is awaited.

(e) No time frame has been set for the exchange of enclaves.

Proliferation Security Initiative

2543. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are keen for a deeper examination of US backed Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) considering WMD proliferation by sea as one of the security threat to the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any formal agreement or arrangement has been finalised in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The US announced the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) in May 2003 to prevent trafficking in Weapons of Mass Destruction and related technology through interdiction efforts. It is intended to work through information sharing, trans-shipment controls, boarding and over-flight agreement, and export control. 17 countries are members of the PSI including Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Noway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, the UK and the US. A "Statement of Interdiction Principles" was adopted in September 2003, which elaborates measures to be adopted to combat the threat of WMD proliferation from States or non-State actors of proliferation concern.

(c) No, Sir. There has been no formal invitation to India to join the PSI so far.

(d) Does not arise.

Reconciliation of EPF Suspense Account

2544. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of balance in suspense account in the EPFO at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan and the year-wise balance as on 31st March for the last three years;

(b) the outstanding amount on account of EPF recovery for the last five years, State-wise; and

(c) by when, the amount in the suspense account above would be duly reconciled and credited to the concerned officials?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No "Suspense Account" is being maintained in the Books of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation. However, as mandated in Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, an "Interest Suspense Account" is being maintained. It is a transit account, which is used for temporary parking of interest and other before it is credited to members' accounts. The Closing Balance of Interest Suspense Account for the last three years are furnished below:—

Year	Closing Balance (Rs. in crores)
2001-02	7,929.49
2002-03	8,313.12
2003-04	8,408.88

(b) The details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The closing balance appearing at the end of year is credited to the subscribers' account in the next financial year and gets reconciled each year.